

Creating the Garden

Fountain Hills Botanical Garden was founded by Jane Haynes in 1975 as a wild-life preserve and garden. The Garden is 8 acres with elevation from 1696 to 1800 feet.

Streets that surround the area are Palomino (South), Burro (West), Ocotillo Way (North) and Fountain Hills Boulevard (East). Emerald Wash is part of the Garden.

On December 14, 2006, the Society and the Town of Fountain Hills agreed to restore the original garden trail as an educational and hiking destination.

Twenty-nine Sonoran Desert plants are identified along the half mile meandering trail that has been constructed on the desert slopes. The trail allows for interesting views of rock formations, desert flora, animal life and an abandoned P-Bar Ranch campsite next to the April 25, 1941 constructed dam wall.

"This is your Garden—be proud of it. Take nothing but pictures and memories and leave nothing but the peace within."

~ Quote, Terry Barwegen, Jr.

Eagle Scout Award 1985

Garden Rules

1. Site Hours: Dawn to Dusk
2. Pedestrians only
3. No alcoholic beverages
4. Service dogs only
5. No open fires or over-night camping
6. Do not destroy plants, structures or signage
7. No glass containers
8. No smoking
9. No climbing, walking, or sitting on the dam
10. Stay on trails
11. Violators of the law and site rules will be prosecuted



Teddy Bear Cactus



Triangle Leaf Bursage

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Botanical Garden



Trixis



Velvet Mesquite



White Ratany

To create public awareness of the Fountain Hills Sonoran Desert garden for its botanical, geological and historical significance.

Fountain Hills Blvd. at Kingstree Blvd.

Garden Plants



Blue Palo Verde



Brittlebush



Buckhorn Cholla



Catclaw



Coville Barrel Cactus



Canyon Ragweed



Chuparosa



Creosote Bush



Desert Hackberry



Desert Lavender



Desert Mistletoe



Desert Christmas Cactus



Desert Honeysuckle



Desert Marigold



Globe Mallow



Ocotillo



Pink Fairy Duster



Strawberry Hedgehog



Ironwood



Mormon Tea



Pincushion Cactus



Saguaro